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ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY

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The Overseas Press Club's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held next Thursday, April 20, at 8:30 PM at Toots Shor's Restaurant, 51 West 51st Street.

An informal buffet supper will be served from 7 PM for members and guests. Tariff for members will be \$3.50; for guests, \$4. Attendance at the buffet is optional, but the entire membership is urged to be present when the business session is called to order at 8:30. All guests are asked to leave before the business meeting opens.

C O C K T A I L P A R T Y

WEDNESDAY, April 19 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway

Cocktails at 4:30 PM - Members: \$2.00 - Guests: \$2.50

WHERE IS EUROPE HEADED?

by

COLONEL ROBERT R. MCCORMICK

Publisher, The Chicago Tribune

Just returned from a six-week, 24,000-mile flying survey of Europe, Africa, Arabia and Asia in his converted B-17 plane, Colonel McCormick brings to Overseas Press Club members and guests an exclusive report of his interviews with the Continent's top statesmen and politicians. He will also discuss American military strategy as it operates under the Atlantic Pact. PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING EARLY AS THE COLONEL'S VISIT WILL BE LIMITED!

O F F I C I A L

Television Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, April 17, 5:30 PM

: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE:

Bernard G. Davis, President, Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. Brazil, Argentina, England, 1946, for Flying Magazine; Manila, Kwajalein, Guam, China, India, France, 1947, for North American Newspaper Alliance; France, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, England, 1948, for Flying Magazine and NANA; Israel, Greece, Italy, Spain, Holland, France, 1949, for Flying Magazine and NANA; Portugal, Morocco, Israel, France, 1950, for Flying Magazine and NANA. Proposed by LEO J. MARGOLIN; seconded by ROBERT ECKHOUSE.

Carl Bakal, New York Daily Mirror. Philippines and Japan, 1945-1946 as photo assignment chief, SCAP, U.S. Army Pictorial Service; Germany and Austria, 1947-1948, editorial chief, Information Control Division, Office of Military Government. Proposed by GLENN NEVILLE; seconded by BOB CONSIDINE.

ASSOCIATE:

William E. Robinson, New York Herald Tribune. France, September-December, 1945, for European edition, New York Herald Tribune. Proposed by FRANK KELLEY; seconded by BEACH CONGER.

CHILEAN EDITORS TO ATTEND COLONEL MCCORMICK PARTY

Four editors who are accompanying Chilean President Cabriel Gonzales Videla on his official visit to the United States will attend the cocktail party to be given Wednesday for Col. Robert R. McCormick. They will be official guests of the Club. Their names and affiliations are: Ramon Cortez, editor of La Nacion; Alfredo Silva Carvalho, editor of La Union; Luis Antonio Silva, editor of El Diario Ilustrado; and, Guillermo Perez de Arce, editorialist of El Mercurio.

ANNUAL ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Only members who have paid their dues and possess membership cards will be eligible to vote in Thursday's Annual Election at Toots Shor's, it was announced this week. Also, President FRANK KELLEY said that wives and friends are welcome at the buffet-dinner preceding the meeting, but he asks that they not plan to remain for the executive session following. This session will begin promptly at 8:30 PM.

: Due to an unfortunate deadline omission, the following name was not included in :

: the list of candidates prepared by the Nominations Committee: :

For the Board of Governors - - - LARRY LESUEUR, UN correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System. Also the editorial title of WILLIAM P. GRAY, nominated for the Board of Governors, should read "assistant editor" instead of "senior editor" of Life magazine.

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A H.R. KNICKERBOCKER MEMORIAL FUND has been established by the Graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University. Honoring the late famed correspondent, the fund of \$350,000 will be used to endow an H. R. KNICKERBOCKER professorship, the first such chair set up by the School of Journalism. The Committee has asked the Overseas Press Club to assist in advancing the project and to bring it to the attention of prospective contributors.

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FIVE DELEGATES from the Overseas Press Club may attend The Nation's April 29-30 conference on "The Atomic Era -- Can It Produce Peace and Abundance" to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Please telephone the Club if you are interested in representing the OPC at this event.

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The One World Award Committee has requested the Overseas Press Club to assist in nominating One World Award winners for this year. Wanted are the Club's nominations for these awards in the fields of Press, Radio, Motion Pictures and Music. Final date for closing nominations is April 30. Awards will be presented at the sixth annual One World Award Presentation Ceremonies. Members desiring to nominate individuals for these awards may forward their nominations to the One World Award Committee, c/o Overseas Press Club, 1475 Broadway, New York 18, N.Y.

WANTED: Young man under 28 to do research and writing for Public Relations News. Salary \$60. One year writing and one year public relations experience required. Send resume to Editor, Public Relations News, 815 Park Avenue, New York.

AN ARTICLE, "Saving Asia for Democracy", by SIDNEY HERTZBERG, appears in the April issue of Commentary...MERRILL CODY, acting chief of the State Department's Program Planning and Evaluation staff, is working in Europe for three months from his American Embassy headquarters in Paris...Former Time Washington staffer JERRY HANNIFIN now is writing Time's "Hemisphere" department in New York...Guests on LAWRENCE SPIVACK's "Meet the Press" broadcast last week included MAY CRAIG of the Portland, Maine, Press-Herald and WILLIAM WHITE of the New York Times...

EDWIN E. DOWELL, Newsweek's international editions manager, has just returned aboard the "America" from an eight-week tour of France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Italy and the United Kingdom...This Week's lead article for its national edition of May 14 will be DON ROBINSON's piece, "See My Lawyer". ROBINSON will also be published shortly in Look and Collier's; the former, about how celebrities behave in (a hospital) bed; the latter about the U. of Illinois...

MANAGING EDITOR LEE HILLS of the Miami Herald will wield the gavel at the April 24 afternoon program of the Associated Press annual meeting at the Waldorf. The program will highlight work of the AP Managing Editors Association of which HILLS is prexy...On April 19 Bert Andrews of the New York Herald Tribune's Washington bureau will join VICTOR LASKY of the New York World Telegram and Sun, co-author of "Seeds of Treason", to discuss the Communist problem before Mt. Holyoke College students...Pageant magazine this month carries an indictment of organized baseball, "The Great Un-American Game", by BOB CONSIDINE...

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PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS

 * WITH THE OPC ON TV *

Three top reporters next Sunday will discuss the important topic, "Covering Spain", before the OPC's television cameras. They are LELAND STOWE, former editor of The Reporter and Pulitzer-Prize winning correspondent who covered the Spanish Civil War; Thomas J. Hamilton, chief of the UN staff for the New York Times, whose book on Franco Spain, "Appeasement's Child", was published in 1943; and, HOMER BIGART, New York Herald Tribune Washington writer, Pulitzer Prize winner and winner of the OPC's first George Polk Memorial Award, who last year wrote a series of articles on Spain. Don't miss this exciting telecast! (WCBS-TV, Channel 2, Sunday, April 16, 5-5:30 PM).

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DAVID RICHARDSON has just trans-bureau from his old spot in chief STAN SWINTON left Egypt

ON THE OVERSEAS BEAT

ferred to Time-Life's London Frankfurt...AP's Cairo bureau last week for a trek to Cyprus,

Teheran, Baghdad and return... He reports the AP's FRED ZUSY has returned from a track trip to Italian Somaliland, Niarobi, Addis Ababa and Khartoum and is now in the Levant...Recently returned to Rome after a Stateside lecture tour is GEORGE WELLER of the Chicago Daily News... MARC PURDUE, with AP in India, vacations in Cairo next May...Mr. and Mrs. JULIAN GARRETT (he's with Press and Publications Branch of General MacArthur's Civil Information and Education Section) are en route to New York for their first vacation since 1945...Japan's fabulous cherry blossoms have just been clicked for the fourth time by HAZEL SHORE of the Far East Command Motion Picture Service's publicity department. She's been in Tokyo since April, 1947, and celebrates the anniversary this month with a four-week vacation in HongKong, Bangkok and Calcutta...EDWARD HUNTER checks in from the St. Francis Hotel, Causeway Bay, HongKong, to say a special green bus, marked "Correspondents Club", takes newsmen from town to the swank, inexpensive Correspondents Club at 15 Kotewall Road. Most reporters, however, live outside, principally at the Gloucester and Hong Kong hotels.

STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL ATTEMPTS TO CLARIFY PRESS CAMP SITUATION

Since The Bulletin first broke the story of State Department plans to curtail correspondents' press camp facilities in Germany (Feb.1), rumors, reports of contemplated action and news of partial changes in press facilities have served to muddy relations between newsmen and

American officials in Germany. Here are a few of the confusing bits in this puzzle:

- 1) In February State Department spokesmen promised the Club that a planned move to close the Munich and Frankfurt Press Camps would be suspended.
- 2) Also, in February, the Munich Press Camp was closed; reason given was that only two correspondents were living in a hotel that cost \$3,000 a month to operate.
- 3) In March the Frankfurt Press Club moved into new quarters which officials said was an "attractive, thriving establishment." One American official stated he ate there.
- 4) On April 1 The Bulletin reported the Frankfurt P.C. had no restaurant facilities and that newsmen had to set up another club at their own expense.

Finally, this week, The Bulletin received a letter from Ralph Nicholson, director, Of-

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fice of Public Affairs, Office of the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany. In this letter, and in copies of other correspondence with President FRANK KELLEY, Nicholson stated that The Bulletin had been supplied with "incomplete and inaccurate information." He further wrote that:

"When I was in Washington in December I made the statement on several occasions...that the High Commission and the Army here had taken good care of the American correspondents and would continue doing so. That promise has been kept to date and will be in the future, so long as I have anything to do with this operation. There is no indication on the part of any others that I know anything about of any intention to do otherwise at any future time."

The Bulletin would indeed be happy to apologize for any inaccuracies or incomplete information presented herein. The data which encouraged the OPC to take action last February was furnished by members on the spot. The Club's representative was not informed that the Munich club would close or the reasons therefor. Likewise, reports in The Bulletin that adequate facilities in Frankfurt were lacking has been corroborated as recently as this week by just-returned observers. One wrote that "no meals are served at the Park--not even in the morning. Correspondents are obliged to mess across the street at a military transient hotel. The new private press club, out near the French Consulate and the Red Cross Palm Garden, is swish but virtually deserted."

Obviously something is wrong somewhere. The Bulletin, while happy to explain why economic reasons forced closing of the Munich Press Camp, nevertheless believes it reported accurately the situation in Frankfurt. The Acting Editor would be happy to have further and more up-to-date information from members on the spot. Meanwhile, Mr. Nicholson's interest in correspondents' continued welfare is sincerely appreciated by the Club.

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VOGELER IS SYMBOL
IN A "GOOD WAR",
ERNST TELLS CLUB

Noted attorney Morris Ernst, who tried to defend the American businessman, Robert Vogeler, in Hungary, on Wednesday told an OPC audience at Toots Shor's that the jailed American is "a symbol in a good war." Ernst declared it was a "good war" because the forces of moral right are alligned against Communism. That victory will be won by the Americans, Ernst said, was proved by the fear an entire government nourished that one lawyer might upset an entire case. When Ernst was retained to defend Vogeler, he applied for visas to Hungary in Washington, London and Vienna; each time he was refused. But his studies of the trial have convinced him that Vogeler was railroaded in true Red style. He cited several incidents during the trial which pointed to testimony given because Vogeler was either over-rehearsed in his answers or actually drugged. Several times he gave false testimony against himself, such as saying he was an Annapolis graduate while he really had been a student there only two years. Later, he replied in English to a Hungarian question before it had been translated -- yet he could not speak nor understand Hungarian! Other odd answers, pulled from a retentive memory but incoherently inserted into testimony, showed Ernst that Vogeler did not know what he was saying. Likewise, the only documentary evidence against him was a map of Hungarian railroads which had been provided him by the Hungarian government itself! Present at the dinner as a guest of the Club was Vogeler's father, William R. Vogeler. Following Mr. Ernst's speech, DOROTHY THOMPSON queried him extensively on the subject of America's taking a more vigorous role in the "good war."

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Acting Editor

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